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It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Appeal Brief be extended four (4) months from March 17, 2002 to July 17, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,440.00 for a four month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 35895. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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